

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Hisao TAKEUCHI, et al. :
Serial No.: Divisional of Appl. No.
09/856,093 : Group Art Unit:
Filed: February 11, 2004 : Examiner:
For: DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING WITH IMPROVED STARTING
CHARACTERISTICS (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Preliminary Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows:

DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING WITH IMPROVED STARTING

CHARACTERISTICS

HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING ASSEMBLY WITH IMPROVED ACTIVATION

FEATURES